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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1017

Introduced by Assembly Member Campos (Coauthors: Assembly Members Cristina Garcia and Gonzalez)

February 26, 2015

An act to add Section 432.3 to the Labor Code, relating to employers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1017, as amended, Campos. Employers.

Existing law imposes various restrictions on employers with respect to applicants for employment. A violation of those restrictions is a misdemeanor.

This bill would prohibit an employer from seeking salary history information from about an applicant for employment and from releasing the salary history of any current or former employee without written authorization from the current or former employee or without first obtaining certification from the prospective employer that the prospective employer has obtained written authorization from the current or former employee to disclose that information. employment, except as otherwise provided. The bill would specify that a violation of its provisions would not be subject to the misdemeanor provision.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 432.3 is added to the Labor Code, to 2 read:

- 432.3. (a) An employer shall not do either of the following:
- (1) Orally not, orally or in writing, personally or through an agent, seek salary history information, including, but not limited to, compensation and benefits, from about an applicant for employment for an interview or as a condition of employment.
- (2) Release the salary history of any current or former employee
 to any prospective employer in response to a request as part of an
 interview or hiring process without written authorization from the
 current or former employee or without first obtaining certification
 from the prospective employer that the prospective employer has
 obtained written authorization from the current or former employee
 to disclose that information.
 - (b) Section 433 does not apply to this section.
 - (c) This section shall not apply to this section.

 (c) This section shall not apply to salary history information disclosable to the public pursuant to federal or state law, including but not limited to, the California Public Records Act, Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, or the federal Freedom of Information Act,
- 21 Section 552 of Title 5 of the United States Code.